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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

PARIS FOR SECRETARY VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE-SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON MOZAMBIQUE

REF: USUN 1741

1. UK CHARGE DE CHASSIRON DELIVERED FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S
MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY EARLY AFTERNOON OF JUNE 1. MESSAGE STATED THAT DR. OWEN
AND SECRETARY VANCE WOULD CONSIDER RAISING THE ISSUE OF THE
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RHODESIAN ATTACK IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SHOULD PRESIDENT MACHEL
WISH THIS TO BE DONE.

2. AT TIME MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED, BOTH CHISSANO AND MACHEL WERE
OUT OF MAPUTO, CHISSANO IN MADAGASCAR AND MACHEL IN NACALA WITH
DEFENSE MINISTER CHIPANDE. PRESIDENT MACHEL IS NOT EXPECTED TO
RETURN TO MAPUTO UNTIL LATE JUNE 2 OR MORNING OF JUNE 3. IT

DOUBTFUL, THEREFORE, THAT HMG WILL RECEIVE REPLY TO DR. OWEN'S MESSAGE UNTIL JUNE 3 AT EARLIEST, IF THEN.

3. IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER MACHEL WILL WISH MATTER RAISED IN SECURITY COUNCIL. LAST SUMMER, FOLLOWING ANOTHER SEVERE RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE, MACHEL CALLED ME IN TO SAY THAT HE COULD NOT PERMIT SUCH RAIDS TO CONTINUE WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING. AT THAT TIME, IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION WHETHER HE INTENDED TO RAISE MATTER IN SECURITY COUNCIL, HE REPLIED "NO, WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO?" IT APPEARED THEN THAT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO PUBLICIZE FACT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS DEFENSELESS IN FACE THESE RHODESIAN RAIDS, ALTHOUGH PRIVATELY HE WAS PREPARED TO ADMIT THIS. THIS CONCERN WITH PUBLICITY REMAINS, AS IS EVIDENCED BY FACT THAT THE MOZAMBIKAN MEDIA HAS STILL NOT PUBLICIZED STATEMENT BY RHODESIAN OFFICIALS, WHICH EXTENSIVELY REPORTED BBC, VOA AND SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO, THAT RHODESIAN FORCES ARE OCCUPYING MAPAI AND THAT THEY INTEND TO REMAIN UNTIL GUERRILLA CAMPS INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

4. SHOULD MACHEL DECIDE TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE HE WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP MOZAMBIQUE DEFEND ITS BORDER. DEPENDING ON THE WORDING, SUCH RESOLUTION COULD IMPLY UN ENDORSEMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE AS WELL AS FACILITATE EXPANSION OF THEIR MILITARY INVOLVEMENT HERE.
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